

formerly levied by the Normans of the
 vicinity,
 At the same time (early in July, 1132) he
 marched
 north to make a settlement of the
 question in
 person. He found the confederates
 however
 barring his way at Montesarchio across
 the old
 Roman road through the Caudine
 valley; their
 imposing force was headed by Robert
 and the
 injured Rainulf. Both laboured to
 inflame their
 followers against the King; both
 proclaimed a
 proud defiance of him* The Prince of
 Capua
 declared to those around him, "this
 man, can
 endure no power or lordship near his
 own,"*
 Rainulf adjured the Normans to stand
 fast in the
 good cause and endure death for the
 fatherland,
 Their terms were couched in insult.*
 let that so-
 called King of yours know that in no
 way will we
 come to terms with Mm till he restores
 to Count
 Rainulf his wife, his son, and the city of
 Avellino.
 Roger could only summon them once
 more to
 justice at his court.

The sword was not yet drawn, The
 two armies
 each moved upon Benevento in order to
 secure its
 allegiance, Roger was met by Cardinal
 Crescen-
 tius, Archbishop Landulf, and a number
 of
 the latter of whom pledged the city to

Roger.

Benevento was not to aid in nor
consent to any-
thing by which the King should lose
life, limb, or
liberty, and it should make continual
war on the
Prince and the Count, saving the due
fealty to St.
Peter, This oath was repudiated in the
city
and the burgesses declared

unwilling